

Before the  
COPYRIGHT ROYALTY BOARD  
Washington, D.C.

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In the Matter of )  
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Distribution of the )  
2010, 2011, and 2012 )  
Cable Royalty Funds )  
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Docket No. 14-CRB-0007-CD  
(2010-2012)

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Docket No. 14-CRB-0008-SD  
(2010-2012)

**PETITION TO PARTICIPATE**

Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 801(b)(3) and 804(b)(8) and 37 CFR § 351.1(b)(2), Major League Soccer, LLC (“Petitioner”) submits its Petition to Participate in the proceeding of the Copyright Royalty Judges to determine the Phase I and II distributions of 2010, 2011 and 2012 royalties collected under the cable and satellite statutory licenses.

Pursuant to Section 351.1(b)(2)(i)(A)-(C), the following information is provided:

**(A) The full name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address of the Petitioner:**

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**(B) In a cable or satellite royalty distribution proceeding, identification of whether the petition covers a Phase I proceeding (the initial part of a distribution proceeding where royalties are divided among the categories or groups of copyright owners), a Phase II proceeding (where the money allotted to each category is subdivided among the various copyright owners within that category), or both:**

This Petition covers the Phase II cable and satellite distribution proceedings for 2010, 2011, and 2012.

**(C) A description of the Petitioner's significant interest in the subject matter of the proceeding:**

Petitioner produces live sporting events, owns the copyright in that programming, and has submitted claims for statutory royalties from the respective cable and satellite royalty funds. Petitioner is a Phase II claimant for cable and satellite royalties within the Joint Sports Claimant category. Petitioner understands that there are other claimants seeking a share of the Joint Sports Claimant category allocations, but it has not reached settlement with any other potential Phase II Joint Sports Claimants. Based on discussions to date, while Petitioner remains optimistic that it will reach a Phase II settlement with the other Phase II parties, it is possible that a Phase II proceeding will be necessary to resolve these disputes. Therefore, Petitioner has a significant interest in the subject matter of the Phase II distribution proceeding.

The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of the date of submission of this Petition, I have the authority and consent of Petitioner to represent it in this royalty distribution proceeding. A check in the amount of \$150 accompanies this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 13th day of January, 2015, a copy of the foregoing Petition to Participate was sent by Federal Express standard overnight delivery to the parties listed below:

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| <b>Cable Royalties Claimant</b> | <b>Claim Year</b> | <b>Claim Number</b> | <b>Claim Type</b> | <b>Claim Category</b> |
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| Major League Soccer, LLC        | 2010              | 2                   | I                 | 2                     |
| Major League Soccer, LLC        | 2011              | 25                  | I                 | 2                     |
| Major League Soccer, LLC        | 2012              | 6                   | I                 | 2                     |

| <b>Satellite Royalties<br/>Claimant</b> | <b>Claim Year</b> | <b>Claim<br/>Number</b> | <b>Claim<br/>Type</b> | <b>Phase I<br/>Category</b> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Major League Soccer, LLC                | 2010              | 2                       | I                     | 2                           |
| Major League Soccer, LLC                | 2011              | 6                       | I                     | 2                           |
| Major League Soccer, LLC                | 2012              | 5                       | I                     | 2                           |